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REMARKS

Notice of Abandonment:

A Notice of Abandonment was mailed from the USPTO on June 3, 2003 citing a lack of response to the Communication during the statutory period for reply. A PETITION FOR REVIVAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR PATENT UNINTENTIONALLY ABANDONED UNDER 37 CFR § 1.137(b) and appropriate fee accompany this response. Also enclosed with this response is a RULE 3.73(b) STATEMENT, REVOCATION OF PRIOR POWERS AND POWER OF ATTORNEY BY ASSIGNEE OF ENTIRE INTEREST requesting that all future communications in this application be directed to the undersigned.

General:

Upon revival, claims 1-20 will be pending in the application. Claims 1-20 stand rejected.

Claims 1, 4, and 11 have been amended. No new matter has been added by the amendments.

35 U.S.C. § 112:

Claims 1-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. The claims have been amended to eliminate indefinite claim language. In particular, the phrase "natural similar" in claim 1 has been deleted, and the meaning of "complex array of alkanoic acids" has been clarified. The amendments to claims 1, 4, and 11 track the amendments presented in the response filed August 9, 2002, but not entered for failure to comply with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.121 then in effect. The claim amendments are believed to be in full compliance with the current requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c) and the amended claims are deemed to be allowable as rewritten.

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CONCLUSION

Based upon the foregoing amendments, the application is believed to be in condition for allowance. Revival of this application, withdrawal of all rejections and objections, and an early notice of allowance of claims 1-20, are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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